

# THE PLUM CREEK CHRONICLE

## **BRUNSWICK: Summer Breezes at Plum Creek**

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The August 9 occasion was Summer Breezes at Plum Creek, when about 125 guests gathered at the senior assisted living facility on Marks Road in Brunswick to enjoy a casual evening with friends while supporting the HANDS Foundation.

The Luau-themed evening began with entertainment by the Plum Creek Singing Angels, a group of residents who have been singing together about two years. A beautiful sign drawn by resident-artist Mae Iwaniw describing these talented seniors was prominently displayed in the main lounge.

Under the direction of Linda Samosky, the Angels sang familiar old favorites, including "The Tennessee Waltz," "Somewhere My Love," and "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning." Several guests were caught up in the moment and sang along with the Angels.

Attendees sampled handcrafted ales and lagers from Lager Heads, premium wines from the family owned and operated Jilbert Winery, and a sumptuous appetizer buffet prepared by Plum Creek.

In addition to the refreshments, people took chances on sideboards, made bids on exciting silent auction baskets, and listened to the outstanding music of keyboardist Dave Young, who entertained throughout the event.

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HANDS Board President Chrissy Waller took a few minutes to speak to the guests about the Foundation and its three main programs: Senior Wishes, the HANDS newspaper that has a direct mail circulation of more than 11,000 households, and its newest venture, a farmers' market for seniors.

Waller then recognized Top Volunteers of the Year Kathy Elseser, Plum Creek Director, and Carol Fritz, President, Brunswick Eagles Ladies' Auxiliary, who do so much for HANDS.

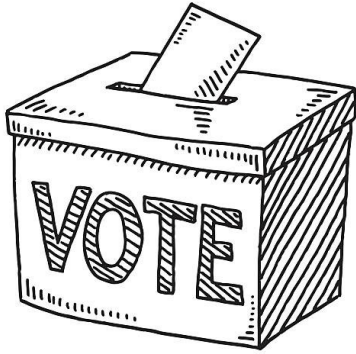
Waller then invited Medina City Mayor Dennis Hanwell to come forward to accept a plaque recognizing him as an Honorary Trustee; Hanwell, a past Board president, was unable to attend the event when the honor was originally announced.

Among the county leaders attending were Auditor Mike Kovack, Recorder Colleen Swedyk, Buckeye School Superintendent Kent Morgan, Medina City Finance Director Keith Dirham, Medina County Home Director Joyce Giles, Brunswick Police Officer Wayne Fisher, and Past Rotary Governor Jack Young. As always, the residents were all invited to be part of the activities.

All proceeds from Summer Breezes benefit the HANDS Foundation's programs.



# Midterm Elections



As the elections approach this coming November, we understand that it is important to many of our residents that they retain & utilize their right to vote. In order to ease the process, we recommend updating residents' voting address to Plum Creek & requesting an absentee ballot. Any questions can be directed to Ryan at 330-220-4900 or [boulton.ryan.a@gmail.com](mailto:boulton.ryan.a@gmail.com) Furthermore, Ryan has all of the appropriate forms available in the Activity Room.

# TRICK OR TREAT

Halloween is almost here and it's time for our annual Trick or Treat extravaganza! Trick or Treat will be held at Plum Creek on Monday, October 29th from 6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. Last year total attendance for the event (including adults and children) was around 800 people. Residents sit outside their doors and pass out candy as the Trick or Treater's pass their apartments. We ask that the family members bring in at least 8-10 bags of candy for their resident family member. We also ask the family provides some sort of a basket or bag for the resident to put their candy in. The activity department can store the candy until the day of Trick or Treat. We ask that candy is in by October 22nd. All children ages 12 and under are invited to attend. We invite family members, employees, and children from the community. Please choose Halloween costumes that are cute and fun instead of scary so we do not scare the younger children who will be attending. Following the Trick or Treat, we invite everyone to join us for apple cider and snacks. This is the ninth year we have had this event. The residents have always had a great time. Many of them have even joined in the fun by dressing up! You must R.S.V.P. and you will want to do that A.S.A.P. because last year reservations were completely full by the first week of October. This year at Trick or Treat we will also be collecting for Coats for Kids of Medina County! We ask attendees to donate a coat, gloves, hats or even a couple bucks!



Frances M. - 9/18

Betty V. - 9/22

Doris S. - 9/19

Bette B. - 9/26

Rita C. - 9/20

Harriet P. 9/29

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